Statement-I

	No. of persons who availed Voluntary Retirement in SAIL Plants	
	1998	1999
Bhilai Steel Plant	1170	3397
Durgapur Steel Plant	1254	3184
Rourkela Steel Plant	1201	2619
Bokaro Steel Plant	908	1233
Alloy Steels Plant	650	1529
Salem Steel Plant	38	61

Statement-II

The plant wise number of employees separated through Voluntary Retirement Scheme during 1986—1993 are given below:

Plant/Unit	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93
BSP	1148	2983	832	743	1110	1005	1134
DSP	163	386	295	337	510	340	511
RSP	188	535	480	603	711	562	805
BSL	18	105	77	69	216	93	129
ASP	6	33	49	83	87	68	90
SSP	0	1	1	1	2	3	5

Bailout package for SAIL

1936. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA:
SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have declared a bailout package for SAIL;

(b) if so, what is the total amount under this package that has been waived; and

(c) how long will it take for SAIL to recover?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Under the financial cum business restructuring package for SAIL, Government has, *inter-alia* approved the waiving of loans advanced to it from Steel Development Fund to a value of Rs. 5073 crore and Rs. 381 crore from the Govt. of India.

(c) SAIL has indicated that it expects the company to turn around in 2-3 years.

Return of contribution made in SDF

1937. SHRI JIBON ROY: will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a fund called Steel Development Fund created out of cess collected from the main steel producers which has been discontinued since the reform process was undertaken;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the main producers, including SAIL, have been demanding Government to return their contribution in view of the fact that the fund has since been discontinued; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to meet the demands of the main contributors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) None of the main producers including the Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) has demanded for return of their contribution from the Steel Development Fund (SDF). However, SAIL had submitted a revival package to the Government which included, *inter-alia*, financial and business restructuring of the Company including waiver of loans to the tune of Rs. 5073 crores taken by SAIL from the SDF. The proposal for waiver of SDF loans was considered and approved by the Government on 15.2.2000.

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1938. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state: